

November 10, 1959

Mr. Howland H. Sargeant,
President of the American Committee for Liberation,
1657 Broadway,
New York 19, New York

Dear Sir,

The Executive Committee of the Ukrainian National Council is obliged to ascertain to its regret that the American Committee for Liberation has not considered our requests, which I put to you in my letter of May 6, 1958. It is correct that the A.C.L. in an answer to us, dated December 18, 1958, and signed by Mr. Robert F. Kelley, stated that it was prepared to consider our suggestions, but actually things remained as they were and no changes whatever, in the sense of our wishes, were made.

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In summer this year, the A.C.L. completely ignored the resolution of the US Congress and only reported on the proclamation by President Eisenhower regarding the "Week of the Captive Nations" in a superficial way. We are of the opinion that the A.C.L., by acting in this manner, has caused the fight for independence of the Ukrainians and the other non-Russian peoples of the Soviet Union, as well as the entire defence efforts of the free world and the USA against the threat of Soviet Russian imperialism considerable harm. There is no guarantee that such harmful action will not be repeated until the principles for the activity of the A.C.L. are changed in the sense of the suggestions put to you by us in the above-mentioned letter.

In view of this situation, we see ourselves obliged to inform you that the Executive Committee of the Ukrainian National Council does not consider itself bound to co-operate with the A.C.L. We permit ourselves to put the suggestion to you that you conduct negotiations anew with us regarding a possible further co-operation on the part of the Ukrainians with the institutions of the A.C.L. We should be obliged if you would let us know when and with whom such negotiations can be carried on. If we should reach an agreement at these negotiations, the terms for a co-operations would have to be stipulated in writing and a guarantee would have to be given that they will be carried out. Our future attitude to the A.C.L. will depend upon whether the latter agrees to our suggestion regarding new negotiations and whether, in the course of these negotiations, an agreement can be reached on the strength of the requests put forward by us.

For your information I am enclosing my memorandum to the Secretary of State Christian Herter.

Very truly yours,

Mykola Liwyskyj

Chairman of the Executive Committee
of the Ukrainian National Council

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